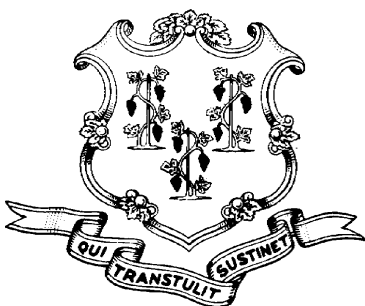


MAKE IT ROUGH ON CAR THIEVES

USE VIN ETCHING



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What is VIN Etching?

VIN etching is the engraving of the complete Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) in the lower lefthand corner of the windshield and on all other window glass of a new car, used car or leased car.

Must my vehicle be etched?

No, this an optional choice of the owner.

Should my vehicle be etched?

Statistics maintained by law enforcement agencies indicate that vehicles which have been etched are less likely to be the target of professional car thieves.

What must my dealer/lease company do?

They **must offer** window etching as a service to purchasers of new and used vehicles, as well as, leased vehicles. The service must include etching the windshield, the rear window and all side windows.

How much can they charge for this service?

They may charge any amount, but no more than the rate filed with the Department of Motor Vehicles. That rate is to be updated every September 1.

For additional information or to file a complaint, call the Department of Motor Vehicles, Dealers and Repairers Division at (860) 263-5715.